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1. Civilian movement in the entire Boka Kotorska area is rigidly restricted. A special travel permit is required in this area, and roving marine patrols as well as fixed check points are used to supervise movement.
2. All observation posts in the mountains commanding the entrance to Boka Kotorska are manned and provided with intercommunication systems.
3. Pivat. Naval headquarters for Boka Kotorska and the South Adriatic Command, under a rear admiral. This installation is subordinate to the main headquarters in Split.

- (a) Naval personnel strength here is estimated at about 2,000 men quartered in two large buildings. Activities for personnel include:
- (1) Nautical instruction for specialist students, both ashore and aboard ships.
 - (2) Technical and mechanical instruction for specialists under the supervision of former civilian employees of the arsenal.
 - (3) Ordnance and quartermaster functions.
 - (4) Such services in the naval base as interior guard duty, liaison between all marine and naval units, and guard details for PW's.
 - (5) Installations include a naval bakery supplying both shore and ship's personnel; food, clothing and equipment depots; and a marine transit camp.

(b) Naval Arsenal

- (1) There is a civilian labor force of about 2,500, most of whom have worked here for several years.
- (2) Other personnel include about 200 Italian and German PW's, specialists, many of whom requested to remain in Yugoslavia as civilians; a varying number of students in training; 1,500 boys under fifteen years of age, who are organized into the Omladinska Brigade, and who receive intensive political as well as technical training prior to entering the Navy.

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- (3) Civilian workmen of the arsenal often act as instructors, both for the students who will eventually be assigned to the naval workshops and for the ships' engineer personnel, who receive training in combustion and steam engines.
- (4) A 3,500 ton floating dock has been salvaged and repaired. Another, of 1,500 tons, has not yet been salvaged.
- (5) There are five vessels anchored in the harbor of the arsenal: the submarine Neboisa and four former US PT boats.

4. Lepetane is the site of a large artillery repair installation whose facilities include (see Appendix for diagram):

- (a) Offices
- (b) A large shed, in half of which is stored repair parts for artillery pieces, and in the other half of which is a laboratory.
- (c) A high-powered gasoline generator, with a large enough output to supply the town of Tivat in an emergency.
- (d) A repair shop equipped with obsolete and run-down machinery.
- (e) A carpentry shop, equipped with electric motors.
- (f) Metalworking shop.
- (g) A large stock of automatic weapons 20mm and smaller.

5. The Lepetane installation is the higher headquarters of the following munitions depots of the Boka Kotorska area:

- (a) Morinj. One kilometer from the town, on the coast, is a depot containing anti-aircraft ammunition as well as field artillery ammunition of 76 to 152mm.
 - (b) Glavati. Here, three kilometers north of Tivat, is a depot containing small arms ammunition and artillery shells up to 75mm.
 - (c) Muo. Near a pine forest, two munitions dumps are being constructed out of material taken from damaged buildings. Nearby, a subterranean munitions depot is being built.
 - (d) Lastva. A powder magazine, one of the largest in Yugoslavia, was destroyed here by the Germans. The Yugoslavs have been working for several months to make it usable, repairing old tunnels and underground storage facilities as well as building new ones. The completion date of this project is not known.
 - (e) Sotomere (sic). A large powder magazine is under construction.
 - (f) Vitoglav. Site of a large, well-stocked POL dump.
 - (g) Kumbor. The installation for testing torpedoes is in good condition except for one large workshop which was destroyed.
- (1) Torpedoes from all parts of Yugoslavia, except the Fiume factory, are tested and checked here. The stock numbers more than 200, including Italian 455mm and 533mm and German 600mm types.
 - (2) Launching tests are made from the 108 meter wharf in the direction of Sv. Marko.

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- (3) In the technical section are plans of all types of German and Italian torpedoes, as well as many of 1944 British and American models. There are also complete plans for the construction of Type 3 assault boats used by the Italians at Gibraltar and Alexandria.
- (4) Chief of the technical section is Eng. Pegan of Corizia. He was formerly at Kumbor with the Italians and is now held prisoner there.
- (5) In the hangar of the destroyed naval airbase are three Italian assault boats which have been stripped down, rebuilt and tested. Frequent maneuvers are carried out with these boats.

6. Meljine

- (a) Marine Corps unit of unknown strength.
- (b) Artillery officers' school, with about 1,000 army and navy officers in attendance.
- (c) A light destroyer is used as an artillery school. It is equipped with twin torpedo tubes and with either two or four 120mm cannon. This vessel, which makes frequent patrol runs in the Adriatic, has captured several Italian fishing boats.
- (d) Marine hospital in good condition, except for an acute shortage of medical supplies. The physicians include three prisoners and an Italian civilian who is under regular contract. The hospital is under the direction of a Swiss physician who arrived at the end of November 1946.

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